

## [Mrs. R. A. Wyckoff]

RUBY MOSLEY [Interview?]

NOTES (Mrs. R. A. Wyckoff).

Came to San Angelo in 1886; soldiers were in the Fort at that time.

The negro soldiers cemetery was located between Ave. I and J. and Dugan and Orient Streets. My husband and I watched them take the soldiers. One old negro had long hair and beard down to his waist and no soldiers were permitted to wear beard. Twin babies were also found the babies arms were interlocked and each of the other arms were holding a bottle that had contained milk it was still white. One body looked as if it had just been buried and when the air struck it the form shattered. The white soldiers were buried between Washington Drive and Highland Street in the southwest Y formed by the railroad and street. The soldiers were taken up to be removed to San Antonio. There was a big mound near the present roundhouse used for target practice. The boys dug lead out of there for years afterward to sell.

There was a flood in 1900. I lived in the old soldiers' hospital. I remember the date as my eldest daughter was born there.

A larger flood came in 1906.

The old San Angelo jail was built of logs that were stood on ends, people were not bad then and most any jail would hold them. San Angelo didn't mean much to the soldiers when speaking of the town they would simply say across the river. I lived right beside of three Chinese who operated a laundry. They were not exclusive rice eating people for I sold them plenty of chickens and eggs. I always believed one of the three to be a woman. Two Chinese came in about 1889 and grew a lovely garden where the Glenmore golf

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course is now located. That pair was [?] run out. We lived out in Tom Johnson's Draw, my sister and I went to school in a gig. I remember an old log once an [??] pecan tree had been washed over to seventh and Pecan Street by a flood. The old log lay there many years as a flood marker. There was no town in that section and it was easy enough for the log to get to that location by high water. [1811?] [Chinese?]